



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Gaffney Senior High

Cherokee

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 2,091

Principal: Ms. Marlene Davis

Superintendent: Dr. William B. James

Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Excellent	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	Gold	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	7	24	2	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	74.8%	81.3%	77.0%	78.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.7%	10.1%	12.9%	11.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.6%	8.6%	10.4%	9.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	93.6%	93.7%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

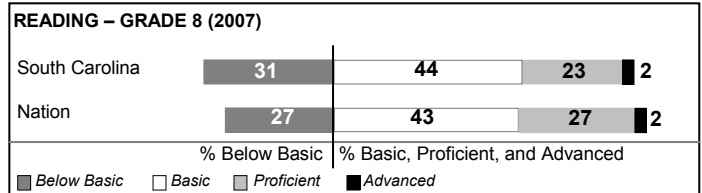
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	442	213
Number of Diplomas	341	159
Rate (%)	77.1%	74.2%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

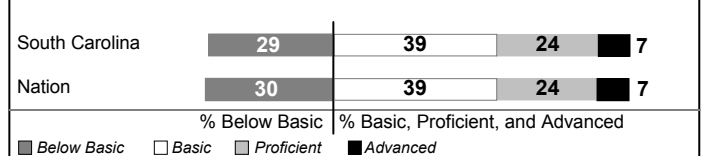
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	62.6%	71.1%
English 1	55.3%	57.4%
Physical Science	52.6%	49.2%
All Tests	58.2%	59.2%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

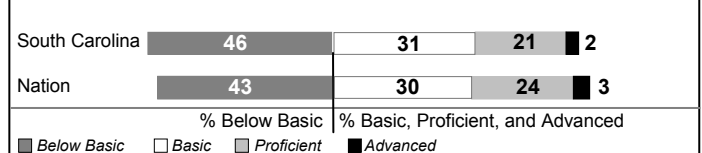
* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=2,091)				
Retention rate	6.5%	Down from 9.1%	6.4%	6.1%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 97.4%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	21.1%	Up from 20.8%	8.9%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	8.2%	Up from 7.1%	13.7%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 1.4%	1.5%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	9.9%	Up from 9.5%	8.6%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	40.8%	N/A	51.0%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	47.5%	Down from 52.1%	30.7%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	9.6%	Up from 3.9%	3.4%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	5.0%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1004	Up from 567	509	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	83.4%	Up from 82.0%	78.0%	79.6%
Teachers (n=127)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.9%	Up from 55.5%	51.6%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	76.4%	Down from 79.7%	73.7%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.6%	Up from 5.3%	8.5%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.9%	Down from 87.0%	86.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	93.7%	Down from 94.5%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$44,602	Up 3.3%	\$45,960	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.3%	Down from 2.3%	3.9%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	0.0	Down from 6.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.9 to 1	Up from 24.8 to 1	25.6 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Down from 90.6%	88.2%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,349	Down 4.0%	\$7,277	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	60.2%	Down from 60.7%	54.5%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	61.5%	Down from 62.9%	60.7%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Average
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		92.3%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	92	360	51
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.4%	72.4%	76.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.7%	78.4%	68.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	71.7%	80.6%	74.0%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Gaffney High School experienced a year of change and growth. Our theme this year, Mission OOB: The Challenge to Change, reflected the idea of change and its impact on all aspects of school life. All around us, change was evident. A new state-of-the-art stadium and track facility and a two-story ninth-grade academy building under construction bore visual testimony that our physical environment is changing. A new principal and three other new administrators, along with twenty new staff members, added to the excitement of change. Each year, a new group of ninth graders begins the journey to graduation. Their anticipation and nervous energy spreads to everyone and encourages all to join in the adventure of a new school year with renewed enthusiasm. We were also a site for a SREB High Schools That Work visit in February. Preparation for that event was beneficial in helping us review our strengths and needs for improvement. The challenges presented to us by the visiting committee have laid the foundation for improvement for the coming year.

The most important aspect of Gaffney High School, indeed any high school, is our student population. We are fortunate to have a diverse and multi-talented student body. Our student achievement for 2007-2008 included a Merit Scholar, one hundred eighty-one Life Scholarship qualifiers, six seniors who received 12 years Perfect Attendance citations, choral participation in a national competition in Nashville, AFJROTC Outstanding Unit for the sixth year in a row, and activities ranging from golf to band to writing competitions. Our students are faced with the difficult challenge of meeting ever-increasing score standards on local, state, and national tests. We are focusing on earlier interventions to help students whose skills are weak to receive extra instruction to boost those skills and the students' confidence.

Our faculty has been wonderfully supportive of the changes this year. Their achievements include a State Spanish Teacher of the Year, Distinguished AFJROTC Instructor designations, and a Region Golf Coach of the Year. The behind-the-scenes work to help students graduate on time or to master material is often not recognized but is greatly appreciated here. As we move forward, whether to new quarters or new subject areas, Gaffney High is prepared to meet the challenges.

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